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# Income tax cuts to hit before HST

LEGISLATURE Most Ontarians will ring in the new year with more take-home pay, thanks to personal incometax cuts passed into law as part of the Liberals' changes to the tax system yesterday.

But taxpayers may want to save that largesse to cover higher levies when the 13 per cent HST kicks in July 1, 2010.

Using their parliamentary majority, Premier Dalton McGuinty's Liberals rammed through the budget bill by a vote of 56-29 over the objections of the Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats, who complained about the dearth of public hearings.

Passage of the legislation means income tax cuts for 93 per cent of Ontarians will begin on Jan. 1. But it also paves the way for blending the eight per cent PST with the five per cent federal GST into a 13 per cent HST.

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# Playing the waiting game

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Skirts are in ... for men





Yvonne Young walks to work along Slater Street in the core yesterday during the first blizzard of the winter season.

# Winter is here to stay

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STORM If you don't have your snow tires — or your snow pants, for that matter — out for the season, you might want to think about it, because winter's here to stay.

As of late yesterday afternoon, the Ottawa area which had a winter storm warning in effect — had received 12 centimetres of snow, but by this morning, accumulation might be closer to 20 centimetres, said Peter Kimbell, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada.

And with cloudy skies and flurries in the forecast, Ottawa is looking at an additional four centimetres

### "We've still a ways to go before catching up to a normal November and December."

Peter Kimbell, Environment Canada

today, Kimbell added.

The "significant snowstorm" — which affected the midwest United States through eastern Ontario and northern Ontario, Kimbell said — put city buses behind schedule and kept police busy with more than 30 collisions yesterday.

Over at the Ottawa International Airport, Krista Kealey, vice-president of communications for the Ottawa Airport Authority, said the storm led to the

cancellation of more than 40 flights in the capital.

"It's safe to say the weather is definitely having an impact," said Kealey.

Ottawa is looking at a high of zero today and highs of -4 and -5 over the next few days — "just not warm enough to melt the snow," Kimbell said. "The snow will stay at least for this weekend."

And there's more to come. The average for December is 57 centimetres of snow, Kimbell said. "We've still a ways to go before catching up to a normal November and December." WITH FILES FROM

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# Natynczyk's stunning about-face

# Torture disclosure puts pressure on Harper gov't

The country's top military commander reversed himself yesterday and put rising pressure on the government with the explosive assertion that a beaten and bloodied Canadian-captured prisoner was indeed abused by Afghan authorities prior to 2007.

The stunning about-face by Gen. Walt Natynczyk — who had earlier insisted Canadians had not detained the suspected

Taliban in June 2006

— undercuts one of the Conservative government's key lines of defence in the widening controversy over the handling of insurgent prisoners.

Defence Minister Natynczyk Peter MacKay has categorically insisted "there is not a single, proven allegation" of abuse prior to

Gen. Walt

Prime Minister Stephen Harper brushed aside the revelation by saying it "confirms what we have been saying all along."

saying all along."
But, in a recalibration of the government's position, Harper told the House of Commons the military acted when they uncovered "substantive evidence" of abuse. Previously, Harper and MacKay have said there was no such evidence.

Natynczyk's revelation also raises questions about

whether Canada violated international law by continuing to transfer prisoners to Afghan custody after it had evidence of abuse.

had evidence of abuse.

The general skirted questions about any potential political fallout and said he's ordered a board of inquiry investigation into why neither he, nor his predecessor, Rick Hillier, saw a platoon commander's report which detailed the prisoner's capture.

A University of Ottawa law professor says the report represents "incontrovertible proof" that Canada should have stopped transfers right away and that continuing the practice means Ottawa has violated interna-

tional law.
Errol Mendes says the problem was compounded by the fact that Canadians were not monitoring the fate of prisoners between 2006 and 2007. That lapse cannot be laid at the feet of the Canadian military and the government must shoulder the blame, he said.

"If these guys had no clear instructions, and it's clear they didn't, they were almost making it up on the fly which shows you the civilian command was putting them into an untenable position," Mendes said.

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### **Getting lively in the Commons**

 The news from Gen. Walt Natynczyk inflamed daily question period in the Commons and prompted demands from all three opposition parties for Defence Minister Peter MacKay to be fired. "Resign, resign!" Liberals, New Democrats and Bloc MPs chanted during a raucous session. The catcalls were ignored by MacKay, who continued to insist he had no prior knowledge of allegations of abuse, including the one now being confirmed by the military. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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# Local



### Prostitution sweep results in 29 charges

Ottawa police have arrested 10 women and laid 29 criminal charges following a two-day prostitution sweep in Lowertown and Vanier earlier this week. Police said yesterday that on Monday and Tuesday, they conducted a sweep and charged 10 women. Criminal charges included communicating for the purpose of prostitution, mischief, breaching probation order and breaching previous release conditions.

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### **News** in brief

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# City OKs hiring of new fire chief

Some councillors concerned that 'best person for the job' not bilingual

"I have to tell you we're Hooge is the best person for Georges Bedard.

Georges Bedard.

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### Ottawa has a new fire

Council yesterday ap proved the hiring of John de Hooge, most recently chief of the Waterloo fire department, to take charge of Ottawa Fire Services' \$123-million operation, despite concerns that he does not speak French.

very happy with our new chief. We think he will be an outstanding leader for the fire department," said Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans, chair of the Community and Protective Services Committee.

Deans acknowledged that some colleagues had reservations about hiring a unilingual candidate for the bilingual position.

"They would have been

### Official welcome

 The city officially welcomes de Hooge this morning, and he'll start Jan. 11. He replaces Chief Rick Larabie, who retired in the spring.

obviously happier, as would I, with a bilingual choice, but at the end of the day you want to hire the best person for the job and we really believe that Chief de the job," she said.

Out of 318 candidates countrywide, the city, with the help of executive search firm Odgers Berndtson, shortlisted 16 candidates and interviewed six for the \$150,000-a-year position, Deans said.

Two of those final six were bilingual, but both had experience only with smaller municipalities, said Rideau-Vanier

De Hooge has committed to taking French lessons, and Bedard has asked city staff to review the city's language policies.

"We have to notch it (the bilingualism policy) up to standard and ensure that in the future, anyone at this management level should be bilingual ... This is a highly qualified person ... but we have to think about

### New life for bridal gowns in cancer project

When Jamie Johnston Masson was diagnosed with breast cancer last March at the age of 33, she was in shock.

Then several months ago, the Ottawa resident - who finished her treatment last week — started thinking of ways she could help.

The owner of Groovy Linen rentals, Masson and her friend, Stacey Price - a wedding planner and owner of Marry Me Productions
— naturally gravitated toweddings. wards Last month, The Breast Dress Project was born.

The duo is asking former brides to donate their wedding dresses. The dresses will be cleaned and sold to brides-to-be at about half the ticket price with all proceeds going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Masson and Price - who were the first to donate their own dresses, know how difficult it is to let a dress go.

But where donating monev equivalent to the value of the dress may not be a realistic option, donating a



Friends Jamie Johnston Masson, left, and Stacey Price are taking advantage of their connections in the wedding industry to raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. The Breast Dress Project is accepting and selling used wedding gowns, with all proceeds to go to the charity.

dress could have a huge impact, said Masson.

A single dress could potentially bring in \$300, \$500 and \$800 for breast cancer, she said. "Why leave your wedding dress in a box when it makes such a difference?

In addition to supporting

a good cause, it also gives brides who may not be able to afford new dresses a way to buy the gowns of their dreams.

Once a bride herself, Masson knows what a special experience dress shopping is.

"We still want them to have that experience," said

Masson, who plans to host soirees where women can try dresses on.

Donations can be dropped off at Groovy Linen at 19 Grenfell Cres., unit 12. More information can be found at www.thebreastdressproject.com or on Facebook.

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### **Crime prevention** group presents \$400K budget

COUNCIL Crime Prevention Ottawa, faced with the elimination of its funding, presented a draft budget of \$400,000 to the City of Ottawa yesterday, warning that cuts would result in the loss of the program, which works with communities to prevent crime such as violence against women and gang activity.

The city is trying to reduce its budget by \$58 million to limit property tax increases to 3.9 per cent. The audit, budget and finance committee, chaired by Mayor Larry O'Brien has recommended cutting CPO's grant entirely.

Ottawa Police Services and the Ottawa Public Library, which were asked to shave a million dollars each from their draft budgets, vesterday presented revised figures with new funding deferments of \$1 million and \$700,000, respectively.

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Injured hockey player sues for worker's compensation

A Canadian hockey player hurt while playing for a minor league team in Rhode Island is suing for worker's compensation in Michigan. The state Supreme Court hears oral arguments Wednesday on 39-year-old Andy Bezeau's appeal of a Michigan board's ruling denying him coverage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Canada



### Grits say equal pay a human right

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff says equal pay for work of equal value is a basic human right that should never be put up for grabs at the collective bargaining table. To that end, he has introduced a private member's bill aimed at reversing a controversial measure in the 2009 federal budget. The budget essentially reclassified pay equity as a labour issue to be negotiated in collective agreements, stripping the Canadian Human Rights Commission of its authority.

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# Doer headed to Copenhagen talks

### New ambassador to U.S. joins Canada's panel of experts at climate discussion



Canada's man in Washington is aoina to Copenhagen.

The Harper government will dispatch Ambassador Gary Doer to climate talks in the Danish capital, The Canadian Press has learned.

Sources confirm Canada's newly minted ambassador to the United States will be part of a 16-member group of "eminent expert advisers."

The group is also made up of heads of industry, including the CEOs of Calgary-based companies Atco

Ltd. and TransAlta Corp.

Some members of the group apparently met recently in Calgary for a pre-Copenhagen briefing with Environment Minister Jim

Prentice.
Prentice's office declined to provide more details on Doer's tabbing for the climate talks, or on the advisory group. A spokesman would only say an announcement on the Copenhagen advisers Gary Doer is expected this week-

But a Canadian Embassy

spokeswoman later con-firmed Doer's attendance at the talks.

"Yes, he is going, Jennie Chen said in an email

Doer, the man known as Manitoba's "Teflon pre-mier" during his decade-long reign, may help Canada

wipe some of the soot from its tarnished image at the climate talks.

Canada gets picked on by environmentalists for not doing enough to fight climate change. Groups awarded Canada its third Fossil of the Day award yesterday in Copenhagen.

The United Nations climate chief had to defend Canada yesterday at a news conference. Yvo de Boer told reporters Canada has been "negotiating very constructively" in Copen-

But Doer's face is squeaky clean compared to Canada's grimy visage. It was under his leadership that Manitoba joined a coalition of Canadian provinces and U.S. states that plans a regional market to trade carbon emissions.

Doer was also an ardent supporter of the Kyoto Pro-THE CANADIAN PRESS

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number of untendered contracts and, since 2003,

rules on 459 of them.

An opposition study says

ruling Liberal party.

### Dog kept fighting after being shot: Cops

OPP A dog that police say "appeared to be a pit bull' continued to fight even after it had been shot after its jaws latched onto a police officer's leg.

"The bullet hit the dog in the dog would not the spine, so it went down respond to fast, but it commands from continued to growl and continued to down respond to snarl after it **continued to** let go," **aggressively bite** provincial police Const. Pe- **the officer's leg."** ter Bertin said Const. Peter Bertin

Tuesday.
The dog attacked the male officer early Sunday while officers were responding to a complaint about excessive

While two officers were talking to a tenant at the residence, police said, two large dogs ran out of the home.

The one that police be-

lieved was a pit bull attacked one of the officers.

"The dog would not respond to commands from the owner and continued to aggressively bite the officer's leg," po-

lice said. the attack, two officers forced were to discharge their

firearms," police said "Two shots were fired, with striking the

The officer was treated and released from hospital.

The dog was later put down by a Thunder Bay, veterinarian, police said. The dog's owner received a warning under Ontario's Dog Owners Liability Act. No charges were laid.

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### India Toronto to host Indian film awards



Bollywood actors Vivek Oberoi, right, and Celina Jaitley, left, applaud as Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty holds the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) trophy during a function in Mumbai, India, yesterday. The IIFA announced that the 2011 awards will be held in Toronto.

### McGuinty, Liberals eye third straight majority

POLITICS The Liberals are gearing up for Premier Dal-ton McGuinty's triple

While the next provincial election is almost two years away, McGuinty's team is already strategizing how they

can win a historic third straight majority govern-

ment. Don Guy, the premier's former chief of staff and central architect of the successful 2003 and 2007 campaigns, has signed on to run

the October 2011 effort.

Speculation has been rampant that McGuinty may resign before the 2011 vote, but the premier said last week he was looking forward to his re-election. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# **Mother relieved** as suspect charged

### Cousin of slain N.B. teen faces murder rap

old girl whose death and disappearance gripped residents of a small northern **New Brunswick community** says she feels a small meas ure of justice after the victim's cousin was charged with murder.

RCMP charged Curtis Bonnell with first-degree murder after a massive investigation into the death of his cousin, Hilary Bon-

"It's a little bit of justice for my little girl," Hilary's mother, Pamela Fillier, said yesterday. "(But) it's not over. It's far from over."

The body of Hilary Bon-nell of Esgenoopetitj First Nation, also known as Burnt Church, was found last month buried in a remote wooded area that's part of a former military training area.
She had been missing



Hilary Bonnell

since Sept. 5 after attending a house party the night before on the reserve of 1,100, setting off an extensive

Her last confirmed sighting was recorded on surveillance footage at a convenience store in the communi-

RCMP Insp. Roch Fortin the investigation, which involved more than 200 officers, was arduous

from the beginning.

"The investigation has been complex and we have had RCMP members literalworking around the clock since we first received the call that Hilary was missing," Fortin told a news conference in nearby Tracadie-Sheila.

"The support from Hilary's family and from the people of the First Nation of Burnt Church has been appreciated.'

He alleged that Curtis Bonnell acted alone, adding that the location where the girl's body was found was very remote and that no one in the community should feel they failed by not finding her sooner.

Bonnell has not had an opportunity to enter a plea and the murder charge against him has not been proven in court.

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# UP TO

### Lindhout safely back in Canada

### KIDNAPPED A

spokeswoman for a freelance journalist who was held captive in Somalia for 15 months says she has returned to Canada.

Sarah Geddes says Amanda Lindhout and her family are back safely in Alberta.

She says the family has requested privacy until Lindhout is ready to tell

Lindhout and Australian photographer Nigel Brennan were kidnapped by armed gunmen near Mogadishu in August 2008 while working on a story about displaced people.

Brennan has also returned home and told reporters that in hindsight the Somalia trip may have been a risk he shouldn't

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### Montreal Run reaches '76 Games



Bringing the past and future of Canada's Olympic Games together, Olympic torchbearer and short-track speedskater Jean-François Monette stands in front of Montreal's Olympic Stadium — the site of the 1976 Summer Olympics — during the Olympic torch relay yesterday in Montreal.

### HST gets approval from Commons

TAX The HST appears to be a done deal for Ontario and a big step closer to reality for British Columbia.

The House of Commons voted 253-37 yesterday in favour of a 13 per cent harmonized sales tax in Ontario, 12 per cent in B.C.

The Conservatives, Liberals and Bloc Québécois supported the controversial measure, while the NDP op-

Just hours earlier, the Ontario legislature passed its own legislation and B.C. is expected to follow suit early in the new year.

The Senate will now deal with the federal HST bill. which combines the GST with provincial sales tax and transfers money to the two provinces for making

the change. Several MPs were absent for the vote, including Conservative Dona Cadman and Liberal Keith Martin who both represent ridings in B.C where the tax is unpopular. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Employment agency accused of bilking foreign workers

An employment agency has been charged with collecting thousands of dollars in fees to place foreign workers in fast-food jobs in Calgary. J.F. Garcia Manpower Services is alleged to have charged two workers from the Philippines \$6,000 each to find them jobs in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# It's no good protesting - HST is now the law

### **Tax facts**

- The 13 per cent tax comes into effect July 1, 2010.
- The government estimates the HST will help create almost 600,000 jobs in Ontario over the next decade.
- The legislation also includes cuts to corporate and income taxes that take effect Jan. 1, and one-time rebates of up to \$1,000 for some families to offset the impact of the HST

### Get over it, folks — that tax is now the law.

The political drama over Ontario merging its sales tax with the federal GST culminated yesterday with the Liberal government passing the harmonized sales tax.

The move, bitterly opposed by the Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats, saw the province Quebec, Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador in the national HST club

comes into effect July 1. 2010 - the same date British Columbia is set to also merge its provincial tax with the GST

The HST is critical to help reposition Ontario as it comes out of a recession in which the province lost hundreds of thousands of iobs. Premier Dalton McGuinty said from Mumbai, India, where he is on a trade mission.

"I think people under-stand in their heart of hearts that our world has

### "The old world is not coming back."

Dalton McGuinty

changed and the old world not coming back, McGuinty said.

"There are a number of things we need to do to adjust to the new reality and secure a better future for our families, and one of those is to put in place a modern, competitive tax system.

The road to yesterday's

vote in the legislature, which the majority Liberals won handily, was a bumpy one.

For weeks the Progressive Conservatives tried to block the HST.

Two Tory members even staged a 44-hour occupation of the legislature.

Opposition parties have labelled harmonization a massive tax grab.

They say it will increase the cost of many items, such as gas and home heating fuel, that were previously exempt.

The government says blending the GST with the eight per cent provincial sales tax will reduce costs for businesses, allowing them to lower prices for consumers and hire more

That line was repeated by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan before the

"Doing nothing is not an option (and) the status quo is just absolutely the wrong thing," he said. "This package will create

jobs." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### Calgary PM, you have mail



Former Olympian Thomas Grandi, an alpine skier, delivers a letter from 20 Olympic athletes to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's constituency office in Calgary yesterday. The athletes ask that he protect winter sports by supporting a binding agreement at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen.

### MDs may choke on these diets

**AUDIT** Authorities are investigating a doctor fingered in the auditor general's report for helping too many patients on welfare get special diet allowances of up to \$250 a month.

More physicians could face similar probes, says Social Services Minister Madeleine Meilleur.

"We are reviewing all the complaints ... there may be more that will be reported," she said.

The doctor has not been named.

Auditor General Jim Mc-Carter said in his 500-page annual report released

"The auditor brought forward some significant concerns."

Tim Hudak

Monday that the cost of special diet supplements has risen to \$67 million from just \$5 million six years ago, fuelling concerns abuse is widespread.

"The auditor brought forward some significant concerns," said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### **News** in brie

**DRINKING** Addictions experts are calling on B.C. to hike booze prices to battle creeping consumption. The University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research says there are now

nearly 2,000 alcohol-related deaths in B.C. each year, and since 2002 drinkers aged 15 and up have increased their annual consumption 10 per cent, to 525 drinks a year from 425 THE CANADIAN PRESS 8

### Bombing can't break dog-owner bond

The owner of a dog that miraculously survived a massive bombing in Baghdad returned to his collapsed home yesterday to be reunited with his pet, stunning neighbours who thought he was dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



### Captured Aussie was focusing on plight

An Australian photojournalist released after being held hostage for 15 months in Somalia said yesterday he was trying to highlight the plight of those less fortunate when he was kidnapped. Nigel Brennan, left, and Canadian journalist Amanda Lindhout were kidnapped by gunmen on Aug. 23, 2008. They were released Nov. 25 after a reported \$700,000 US ransom was paid, some of it by Australian entrepreneur Dick Smith.

# Trying to bridge gap

Satisfying both rich, poor nations not easy, says U.S. envoy

The United States for the first time outlined a dual path yesterday toward cutting greenhouse gases that would involve both the Obama administration and Congress.

Speaking at the United Nations climate conference in Copenhagen, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson described the EPA's decision that greenhouse gases should be regulated as complementary to U.S. legislation — not an effort to sup-

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plant the work of Congress. "This is not an either/or moment. This is a both/and

moment. This is a both/and moment," she told more than 100 people who packed a U.S. meeting room in the conference centre.

Negotiators at the 192country conference are also working to bridge the chasm between rich and poor countries over how to share the burden of fighting climate change.

Getting an agreement that satisfies both rich and poor nations would not be easy, said Todd Stern, the top U.S. climate envoy. "But I think an agreement is there to be had if we do this right," he added.

### "Ten billion will not buy developing countries' citizens enough coffins."

Lumumba Di-Aping

Lumumba Di-Aping of Sudan, the head of the 135-member bloc of developing countries, said the \$10 billion a year that has been proposed to help poor nations fight climate change paled in comparison to the more than \$1 trillion already spent to rescue financial institutions.

"If this is the greatest risk that humanity faces, then how do you explain \$10 billion?" he said. "Ten billion will not buy developing countries' citizens enough coffins." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **England Muzzled voices**



A choir of activists perform a concert highlighting the lack of education opportunities for girls in the developing world, in London yesterday. Only male members of the band were allowed to sing, while girls fell silent with gags across their mouths.

### **News** in brief

WEB Facebook has rolled out promised changes to beef up privacy controls, allowing users to decide exactly who sees status updates, pictures and other content. The changes follow updates to Facebook's privacy policy, which were partly based on recommendations by Canada's privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart. THE CANADIAN PRESS PENNSYLVANIA A Woman who drank herself unconscious cele-

brating her 20th birthday says a hospital didn't properly treat her, resulting in partial amputations of both legs. Shanna Hiles has filed a malpractice suit against Uniontown Hospital.



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# **Gatorade dumps Tiger**

Pulls Woods' drink, says decision made before recent issues

Gatorade is discontinuing its Tiger Woods drink but says it made the decision before the golfer's car accident led to a media firestorm surrounding his personal life.

The decision to drop the drink, called Tiger Focus, was first reported by trade publication Beverage Digest in an issue dated Nov. 25, two days before the inci-dent at Woods' home in Florida.

The publication's editor, John Sicher, said he learned of the decision the week of Nov. 9. The brand — a unit of PepsiCo Inc. — says the decision does not have to do with recent events.

The drink debuted in March 2008. Beverage Digest estimates it represents less than five per cent of Gatorade's volume.

### **Medal effort dropped**

 A California congressman says he won't continue his push to honour Tiger Woods with a Congressional Gold Medal. Democratic Rep. Joe Baca introduced legislation in March that called for the golfer to be recognized for

promoting good sportsmanship and breaking down barriers in golf. Baca says that "in light of the recent developments surrounding Tiger Woods and his family," he won't pursue legislation this session to give him the award.

Sales volume of Tiger Focus was down 34 per cent this year through October. Meanwhile, Woods has

vanished from prime-time TV advertising since the scandal. Data from Nielsen Co. shows there have been advertisements in prime-time featuring Woods since Nov. 29.

The research firm said the last prime-time ad to appear featuring the golfer

was a 30-second ad that day for the Gillette Co. That commercial aired eight times during November, spokesman Aaron Lewis

There have been no other commercials since then on all broadcast networks and 19 cable networks during the evening news, primetime, late-night and during weekend sports, he said.

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### Helmand Football night in Afghanistan



United States marines react while playing a game of mud football yesterday following a rain storm at their base in Khan Neshin, in the volatile Helmand province of southern Afghanistan.

### Rural kids caught in middle

INDIA Indian children are increasingly caught in the middle of fighting between the government and communist rebels in impoverished rural areas, with at least 42 schools attacked in the past year, a human

rights group said yesterday.

The rebels, who say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, have been fighting for more than four decades in several states in central India, demanding land and jobs for agricultural labourers and the poor. But a spate of recent attacks has raised concern they are lashing out ahead of a planned government offensive aimed at routing them from their forest strongholds. While the rebels frequently target

police and government workers, schools are also often destroyed by rebels or occupied by police, jeopardizing the education of tens of thousands of India's most disadvantaged and marginalized children, New Yorkbased Human Rights Watch said in a report.

'The Maoists say they are fighting for India's poor, but their attacks on schools deprive these children of the education they desperately need," said Bede Sheppard, author of the report.

"At the same time, longterm police occupation of schools puts these children right in the midst of danger and trauma, keeps them from their classrooms, and frightens them away."

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### Settlers protest construction freeze

JERUSALEM About 10.000 Jewish settlers and backers staged a protest in downtown Jerusalem last night in what they said would be the largest show of resistance to the government's freeze on new housing construction in the West Bank.

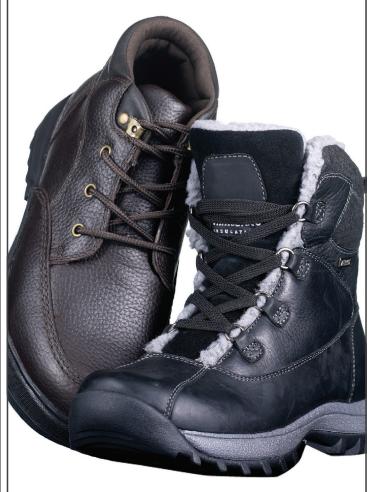
The protesters gathered outside the residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The relatively large turnout on a rainy night reflected support for increasingly fierce settler resistance to the government building ban. Settlers held signs and banners that read, "We will continue to build" and "Stop Iran's nukes, not our homes." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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China rolls out affordable housing policies

China issued policies to curb property speculation after home prices rose at the fastest pace in more than a year and Premier Wen Jiabao pledged support for affordable housing. The government will impose a sales tax on homes sold within five years of their purchase, increasing the time period from two years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Oslo activists prepare for Obama

Although he doesn't show up at the Copenhagen climate talks until next week, U.S. President Barack Obama won't be far from climate issues when he lands in Oslo today to collect his contentious Nobel Peace Prize.

Greenpeace activists said

they had laid out the message "Obama: Our climate, your decision" in enormous cloth letters covering an area 500 feet by 170 feet in a field next to Oslo's Gardermoen airport.

"This is our message and we want to send it most importantly to the president

### **Disputed prize**

• Greenpeace and other environmental groups dispute the award, saying Obama hasn't done enough to combat climate change.

himself," Greenpeace

spokeswoman Bente Myhre Haast said, adding that she hopes it will be visible from Obama's flight path.

On the sidewalks near Oslo's lavish Grand Hotel, where Obama will stay, activists sprayed similar slogans on the pavement from "You won it, now earn it" to "Change the politics, save the climate." The Norwegian commit-

the Holwegian committee that awards the prize said it chose Obama for bringing the U.S. into the fight against global warming and for supporting multilateral diplomacy.

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### Iran claims UN nuclear station a spying post

WEAPONS Iran claimed yesterday that a newly built UN station to detect nuclear explosions was set up near its border so that world powers could spy on the country, an accusation that underscored the growing bitterness in Tehran's relations with the West.

Construction was completed last week on the seismic monitoring station in neighbouring Turkmenistan, a few miles from the Iranian border. It is one of roughly 275 such facilities operating around the world to detect seismic activity set off by blasts from nuclear tests — such as ones in recent years by North Korea.

Iran protested the facility even though it asserts it is not trying to produce nuclear arms. Tehran has been resisting heavy pressure in recent months to sign on to a UN-backed plan aimed at thwarting any attempt to build atomic weapons.

Abolfazl Zohrehvand, an adviser to Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, said the international treaty that allows for setting up such observatories is an "espionage treaty."

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The UN commission that seeks to ban all nuclear tests said the decision to build the station was made more than a decade ago with Iran's involvement.

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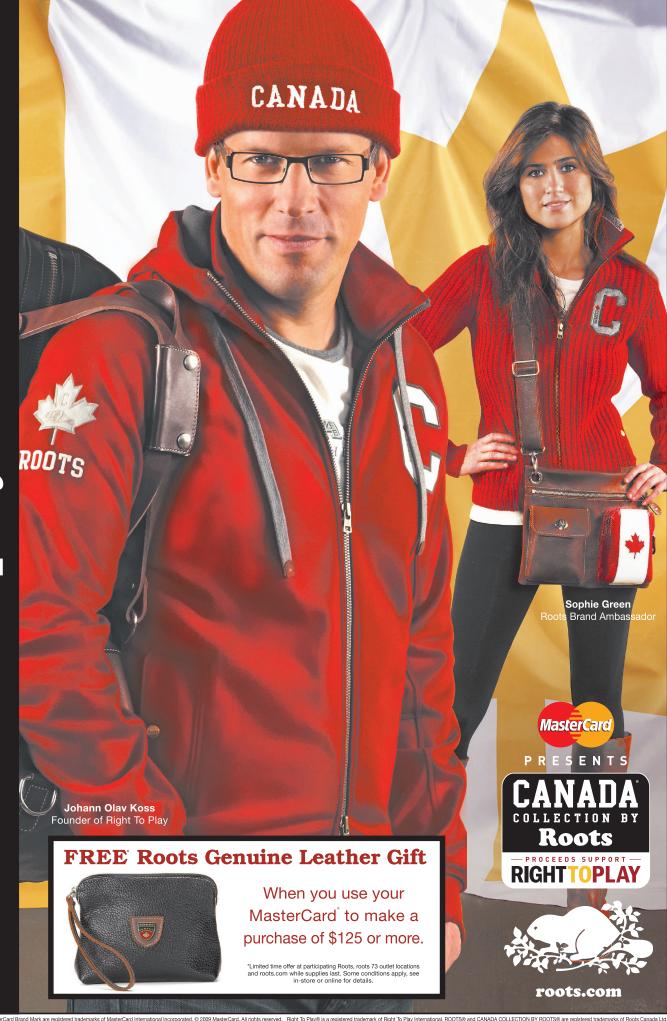


**News** in brief

**MURDER TRIAL** A registered sex offender charged with killing 11 women and hiding their remains in and around his Cleveland home has agreed to let police fence off the house with barbed wire to preserve evidence. Fifty-year-old Anthony Sowell appeared in court yesterday with a new legal team that will defend him on aggravated murder charges. If convicted, he could face the death penalty. The prosecution has not ruled out a possible visit by a trial jury to the home. TIGER ATTACK German police say three tigers attacked a Hamburg zookeeper, who remains in the hospital in critical condition. Hamburg police said yesterday that the 28-year-old animal handler at the private Hagenbeck Zoo tripped during a performance involving five tigers Tuesday night. Three of the tigers attacked him as he lay on the ground. The wounds are considered life-threaten-

ing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# en children play the world wins



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### Da Vinci's harpsichord-viola to premiere 500 years after its creation

The first functional model of a harpsichord-viola designed by Leonardo da Vinci more than 500 years ago will have its premiere in New York City. The instrument combines a harpsichord keyboard with the sound of a viola, and is designed to let musicians play while walking. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### China claims copyright crackdown as popular file-sharing sites closed

INTERNET China has closed one of the country's largest file-sharing sites in what it says is a fight against copyinfringement, but could be seen as another measure aimed at controlling what content the country's Web users can find online.

The file-sharing site BTCHINA — a maior source of overseas movies, television shows games in the country has been closed since Friday, and another site, VeryCD.com, was down yesterday. A report in the

### **Translators quiet**

 Another popular website, the Chinese translation cooperative Yeeyan, has stopped publishing in recent days.

Southern Metropolis Daily said other file sharing sites would be closed in the coming days.

The State Administration of Radio Film and Television said BTCHINA did not have a license to distribute audio and video content. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 100 new suspects in slayings

Police named 100 govern ment militiamen as additional suspects in the Philippines' worst political massacre yesterday as prosecutors filed rebellion charges against a powerful clan accused of ordering the brutal attack on a rival's campaign con-

President Gloria Macapa gal Arroyo's top Cabinet officials appeared before lawmakers to defend her proclamation of martial law in southern Maguindanao province, where 57 people were killed, some left sprawled on the ground and others buried in mass graves

Critics called the martial law declaration a dangerous precedent, but Cabinet members said it was needed to stave off a rebellion by the Ampatuan family, the main suspects in the Nov. 23 killings, and their thousands-strong private armies ready to fight the government.

The Ampatuan clan gained notoriety for intimidating political opponents and protecting their turf, which until the massacre

### Journalists dead

The dead included 30 journalists and their staff.

made any action against them impossible.

The head of the Philippines' independent Commission on Human Rights, Leila de Lima, said her office had received a letter from anonymous citizens blaming the Ampatuans for at least 200 other killings in the area in the past decade. De Lima cau-

had not been validated and did not provide details but said she would investigate.

She said her office had asked the elder Ampatuan to comment on the allegations but he never responded.

Witnesses in custody have identified Andal Ampatuan Ir., a scion of the clan, as leader of a group of government militiamen who attacked a rival's convoy in Ampatuan township, said national police chief Jesus Verzosa.

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### China Bringing centuries-old images to life



The Mainland China dance group, from the Dun Huang Research Institute, perform a dance in Taipei yesterday. The dance, entitled Flying Apsaras, depicts the Buddhist imagery found in centuries-old grottoes near the city of Dun Huang in northwestern China.

### **News** in brief

JORDAN Jordan's King Abdullah II named a close confidant as the new prime minister-designate yesterday, telling him to press ahead with reforms to improve living conditions. The designation of Samir Rifai, a former adviser to Abdullah came hours after the 29-member Cabinet resigned amid criticism over its failure to tackle unemployment and poverty. The Muslim opposition also rebuked it as being unable to hold impartial elections.

**SUIT** A Palestinian shopkeeper portrayed as a terrorist in the movie Bruno is suing film star Sacha Baron Cohen, talk show host David Letterman and others for libel and slander. The lawsuit by Ayman Abu Aita in U.S. federal court seeks \$110 million in damages.

RIGHTS Bruce Springsteen urged support on his website of the gay marriage bill that's up for a vote in New Jersey's Senate today

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### WWII soldier returning book of Hitler's art

HISTORY After fighting his way across Europe during the Second World War, John Pistone was among the U.S. soldiers who entered Adolf Hitler's home nestled in the Bayarian Alps as the war came

Making his way through the Berghof, Hitler's home near Berchtesgaden, Germany, Pistone noticed a table with shelves underneath, and took an album filled with photographs of paintings as a souvenir.

"It was really a great feeling to be there and we knew, by that time, he was on his last leg," Pistone told The Associated Press.

Sixty-four years after Pistone brought the album home to Ohio, the 87-yearold has learned its full significance: It's part of a series compiled for Hitler featuring art he wanted for his "Fuehrermuseum," a planned museum in Linz, Austria. Pistone's album is expected to be returned to Germany in a ceremony at the U.S. State Department in January.

Germany has 19 other albums discovered at the Berchtesgaden complex



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While Lajeunesse's re-

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# **Comment & Views**

### Comment

# The persistence of porn



feel I owe an apology to Simon Louis Lajeunesse on behalf of my (and his) gender.

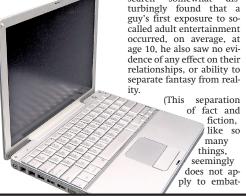
The Université de Montréal researcher, studying the effects of pornography on its male viewers, looked for a control group of guys who had never been exposed to it.

He could find none.

"Guys who do not watch pornography do not exist," the Montreal he told Gazette.

It's encouraging that Lajeunesse found no evi-dence of ill effects often ascribed to pornography by its critics, because whatever dirty movies do to us, they seem to be doing it to pretty much every man and no small number of The study's subjects said they watched an average of 40 minutes a week. I hasten to mention that your particular boyfriend/husband/whatever is telling you the truth if he never sullies his eyes with such filth. Neither do I. Swear.

But your virtuous fella and I are obviously just about the only ones complete statistical freaks. The rest of dudedom stands guilty as charged. Sorry about that, Prof. Laje-



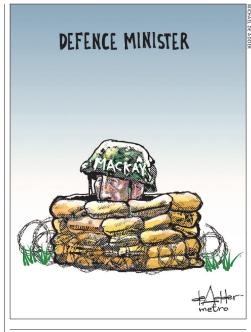
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tled golfer Tiger Woods, whose growing roster of "transgressions" allegedly includes porn star Joslyn James, a.k.a. Veronica Siwik-Daniels ) According to Laie-

unesse's data, 90 per cent of the porn consumed by his interviewees came from - and this too may shock you - the Internet. A very smart woman of my intimate acquaintance expresses wonder that men get anything done all day with all that porn just sitting there at the other end of every keyboard.

This modern smut delivery system has its drawbacks, as a friend of mine discovered when he tried to explain to his wife why their computer had been laid low by viruses. He received emergency technical assistance from a computer-savvy buddy, and a little advice about safer surfing, but repairing things on the home front remained his problem.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on elationships for Metro every two weeks.



### **Worth mentioning**

### Does divine bovine have a message from above?

A holy cow in Connecticut, perhaps? Or maybe a divine bovine?

A calf with a white marking on its forehead in the

half Jersey, half Holstein. Neighbourhood children have named it Moses The chairman of the Uni-

The mostly brown calf is

versity of Wiscon-

### approximate shape of a cross born Madilast son Depart-ment of Dairy week at a

dairy farm in Sterling, a small rustic town on the Rhode Island border Owner Brad Davis

WFSB-TV thinks the marking may be a message from above, though he's still trying to figure out what that message might

man Ric Grummer says the cross shape is un-

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Science tells the

letin newspaper it's not unusual for

a Holstein cow to

have a white mark-

ing on its head. But

department chair-

Norwich

### **Views**

# Gun control law more than a symbol



This past weekend, groups across the country commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Montreal massacre. Families of the victims mourned their loss and recommitted to defending Canada's gun control law, which they called a monument to the memory of the victims.

Twenty years ago, a man walked into l'École Polytechnique, separated the men from the women and screaming, "You are all a bunch of feminists," killed 14 young women and injured 13 others. His semiautomatic rifle — the Ruger Mini 14 — will soon be easier to get, thanks to Stephen Harper and other federal politicians.

On Nov. 4, the House of Commons passed private member's Bill C-391, a bill that will eliminate the need to register rifles and shotguns. Nervous opposition politicians spooked by a well-financed Americanstyle campaign targeting specific MPs backed the Conservatives over the objections of virtually every public safety organization in the country.

In spite of the focus on handguns and urban violence, rifles and shotguns are a substantial proportion of the guns recovered in crime in this country. They are the guns most often used to kill police officers and the guns most often used in domestic violence and in suicides, particularly involving youth. Registration ensures li-

censed gun owners are held accountable for their firearms. If gun owners are licensed but guns not registered, there is no way to prevent legal gun owners from selling or giving guns to unlicensed and potentially dangerous peo-

Opponents of gun control complain about the cost. But seven million guns have been registered. money has been spent. The only guns that need to be registered going forward are new guns or those being traded. The costs — \$3 million a year pale in comparison to the costs of gun injury and death. And police consult the system thousands of times each day in order to take preventative action.

The law is much more than a symbol. Three hundred fewer people die from gunshots now compared to 1995, when the law passed. Our problem is not just the vocal and wellfinanced gun lobby. We can only hope that those who wore white ribbons to mark the memory of the women who died Dec. 6, 1989, will now take ac-

Wendy Cukier is the president of the Coalition for Gun Control.

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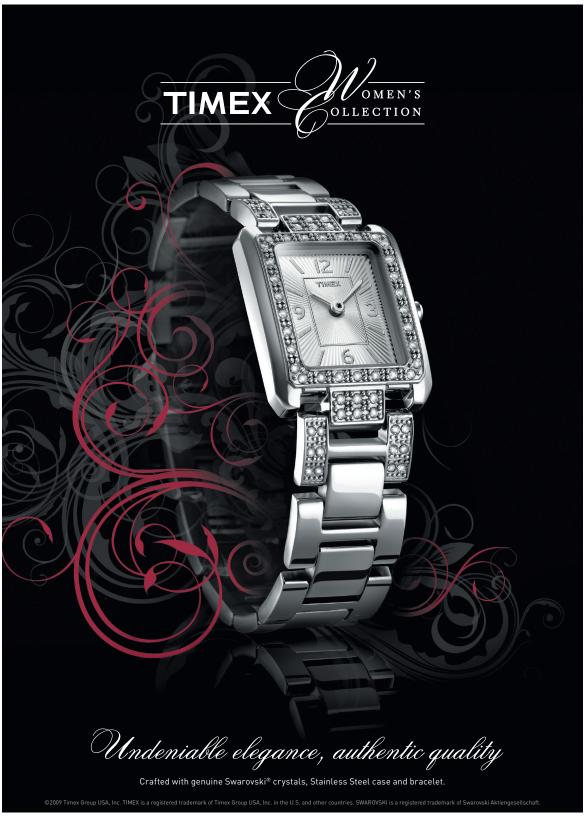


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### AOL could be in trouble for years: Analysts

AOL Inc. may report declining profit for years after its spinoff from Time Warner Inc. today, said analysts at Barclays Capital Inc. and RBC Capital Markets. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Shoppers play chicken Survey finds many expecting retailers to cut prices further

The annual game of chicken has begun in earnest as consumers wait to see how long retailers can hold out before slashing prices even further as the Christmas deadline looms.

With just 15 days left to shop, half of Canadians are only halfway through their holiday lists, a survey by Maritz Research Canada shows. That's a higher number of people who are delaying their purchases than last year, said Rob Daniel, managing director.

And unless you have your heart set on a limited edition item, it will be worth the wait, other industry experts said.

"There's going to be a little game of chicken with the consumer," said Willy Kruh, national partner with KPMG. "Consumers



Wal-Mart is the top holiday shopping destination for Canadians, followed by Zellers and Canadian Tire, a survey found.

already saw prices being discounted early in the game, more than normal. So they're going to wait."

Shoppers are planning to spend \$570 on gifts on

average, the same amount as last year, and they're again favouring stores that advertise low prices, the survey found.

Wal-Mart Canada is the

top holiday shopping destination for the third year in a row with 65 per cent of consumers indicating they plan to shop there, followed by Zellers and Canadian Tire, who tied at 43 per cent each, the survey found. Canadians rank sales and discounts, level of customer service, availability of staff and hours of operation as the top four most important factors in deciding where to shop, the survey found.

Clothing is the top item on gift giver's lists, followed by entertainment products and gift certificates.

However, when asked what they would like to receive, the top pick was gift certificates, the survey found.

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### **Cannes Luxury Travel Market**



A man polishes a Ferrari, at the International Luxury Travel Market exhibition (ILTM), yesterday, in front of the Cannes Festival palace, in Cannes, southeastern France. The ILTM 2009 is the leading annual business-to-business event for the global luxury travel community, bringing together over 3,600 suppliers and personally invited professional luxury travel buyers.

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### Britain announces one-time tax on bankers' bonuses

LONDON The British government slapped a one-time tax of 50 per cent on fat bank bonuses yesterday as it tried to win over recession-weary voters ahead of a looming general election.

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But Treasury chief Alistair Darling's plan to exact payback for the crisis that led Britain into its worst recession since World War faced opposition criticism that it was at

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### Civic, Escalade atop list of frequently stolen vehicles

AUTO The Honda Civic has again wheeled into the top spot on a list of most frequently stolen vehicles, but the number of highend models being snatched is a sign of growing appetite among auto thieves for luxury rides, according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Rick Dubin, the bureau's vice-president of investigations, says they've seen the two-door, 2000 Civic SiR atop the list before. The 1999 model of the vehicle came in third this year.

"There's lots of them on the road, probably a demand for parts," he said of the vehicle. "Also they can be modified, which we've seen, so they've been souped up, and these vehi-

### Theft at ports

 Dubin said the Insurance Bureau is seeing "an awful lot" of highend vehicles being seized at ports in Montreal and Halifax. He said such thefts signal the involvement of organized crime.

cles are very sporty, so they're a desired type of vehicle."

But Dubin said the real concern on the list relates to the proliferation of luxurv vehicles.

The 2006 Hummer H2 four-door and four different four-door makes of the Cadillac Escalade are in the top 10.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### **Business** in brief

SHARES EnCana Corp. said yesterday it had received approval to buy back and cancel up to 37.5 million of its common shares, about five per cent of the total as of Nov. 30. TABLET Apple Inc. is preparing to launch a tablet personal computer in late March or

April, with manufacturer partners poised to roll out as many as one million units per month, according to an Oppenheimer research note. The highly anticipated tablet is expected to pitch Apple into the digital book market.

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# **Next round of Champions League set**

### Barcelona secures first place in Group F

Barcelona, Inter Milan, **Stuttgart and Olympiakos** advanced in the **Champions League** yesterday to complete the lineup for the next round.

Defending champion Barcelona needed an 86th-minute free kick by Lionel Messi to win 2-1 at Dynamo Kiev and edge Inter for first place in Group F.

Inter beat Russia's Rubin Kazan 2-0 to advance, while Stuttgart took second place in Group G with a 3-1 win over Unirea Urz-

Olympiakos beat already qualified Arsenal 1-0 to finish second to the Gunners in Group H.

Barcelona needed only to avoid a large defeat to advance and that looked when Artem Milevskiy scored an early goal for Dynamo, but Xavi Hernandez equalized in the 33rd after sustained pressure and European

### Liverpool's fate

Alberto Gilardino scored in injury time to give Fiorentina a 2-1 win at Liverpool and first place in Group E. Five-time European champion Liverpool was already eliminated ahead its final group match but led in

the 43rd minute through Yossi Benayoun. Martin Jorgensen equalized for already qualified Fiorentina 20 minutes later and Gilardino secured his team's fifth straight tournament

player of the year Messi made sure Barcelona qualified in first place ahead of Inter with his curling free

Samuel Eto'o and Mario Balotelli scored either side of halftime to give Inter Milan a 2-0 win over Rubin

Eto'o opened the scoring in the 30th after being set up by an exchange between Javier Zanetti Balotelli, the latter scored a longfree kick in the range

Inter finished second in



Olympiakos players celebrate victory at the final whistle during the UEFA Champions League Group H match between Olympiakos and Arsenal vesterday in Athens, Greece.

two behind Barcelona, leaving Rubin Kazan to

Group F with nine points,



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Ciprian Marica, Christian Traesch and Pavel Pogrebnyak scored inside the first 11 minutes to stun the Romanian team, which went into the match with a two-point lead over Stuttgart in Group G. Antonio Semedo pulled one back for Unirea in the

Sevilla had already qualibefore beating Rangers 1-0.

**Sports** in brief

FIBA The road to the 2012

Olympiakos advanced to the knockout stage through Leonardo's sec-ond-half goal against Arsenal, which lost its unbeaten record but still topped Group H.

Standard Liege qualified for the Europa League in circumstances when goalkeeper Sinan Bolat scored an injury-time header to earn a 1-1 draw with AZ Alkmaar.

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### Pettitte staves off retirement, signs one-year deal with Yanks

BASEBALL Andy Pettitte asked himself all the important questions: Was he ready to prepare for another long year? Could he top last season? Was his family on board?

And then he decided rather quickly, too — he indeed wanted to pitch again for the New

"I didn't want to regret not playing," he said.

Pettitte and the World Series champions agreed yesterday on an \$11.75 mil-

lion US, one-year contract. The deal represents a raise for the 37year-old left-hander, who made \$10.5 million last helped the Yankees win their 27th World Series title.

**Andy Pettitte** "I wanted to get this decision made," he

said on a conference call. "It's nice to get it wrapped

Pettitte became the first pitcher to start and win the clincher in all three post-season rounds. After beating Minnesota and the Los Angeles Angels in the AL playoffs, he defeated Philadelphia Phillies on three days' rest in the sixth and final game of the World Series, earning his fifth championship ring.

### "I didn't want to regret not playing." Andy Pettitte

The year ended so well, it prompted Pettitte to wonder whether it was

time to retire. "There's no doubt it did," he said. "What else is there to do? Why even continue to play? Why would you go back? How could you finish any better?"

But, he just wasn't done.

And with the backing of his wife and family, he had his agent call the Yankees during Thanksgiving weekend.

"Let's do it another year," Pettitte said. Pettitte was 14-8

with a 4.16 ERA in 32 regular-season starts, and 4-0 with a 3.52 ERA in five post-season starts. His 18 post-season victories are a majorleague record.

Pettitte had a \$5.5-million base salary last season and earned \$3 million in bonuses based on innings and \$2 million for staying on the active roster the entire season.

He missed \$750,000 bonuses for 200 and 210 innings, finishing with 194 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London Olympics for the men's national basketball team could go through Canada. Canada Basketball is one of five countries bidding for the 2011 FIBA Americas tournament, the qualifier for the London Games. Canada is bidding against Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Puerto Rico to host the tournament. Each of these countries hosted a FIBA Americas event in 2009, the most recent being the men's world championship qualifier in San Juan, Puerto

FOOTBALL Dismissing complaints from some members that Congress had more pressing matters, a House subcommittee approved legislation yesterday aimed at forcing college foot-ball to switch to a playoff system to determine its national champion. The legislation, which still faces steep odds would ban the promotion of a post-season NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision game as a national championship unless it results from a playoff.

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### And the 100-metre gold medal goes to ... Nobody

**OLYMPICS** It's time to rewrite the Olympic record books — There was no gold medal winner in the women's 100 metres at the

2000 Sydney Games. International The Olympic Committee yesterday reallocated two individual medals stripped from Marion Jones for doping, but in an unprecedented move withheld her 100metre prize from Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou because of her "disgraceful" behaviour in evading drug tests at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

The decision means the first two runners across the line in Sydney have both been denied the winner's medal for doping violations, and the gold in sprinting's marquee event will remain to give her (Thanou) an honour that we don't think without an owner - believed to be a first in the she deserves.

113-year history of the modern Olympics. While the IOC executive board awarded Jones' ones' gold in the 200 metres "The IOC feels we have a strong moral and a good legal case spokesman Mark "We Adams said. are not legally bound to give medals. This is a Thanou 100 gold case of taking no action. We have cause her decided not

**DNEY 2000** 

and bronze in the long jump to the next-place finish-ers, it refused bevolvein a drug scandal at the Athens Games.

"It was disgraceful behaviour by her and this is a unique situation," Adams

Thanou never tested positive and was not linked to doping in Sydney, but was accused along with fellow Greek sprinter Kostas Kenteris of dodging drug-testers in Athens and faking a motorcycle crash as a coverup.
While the race results

and rankings are up to the of Athletics Federations, the IOC controls who gets Olympic medals.

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From gifts for the booze lover to how to have a Hanukkah party, our 14-page Holiday Shopping Guide brings you all the ideas you need.

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**Holiday Shopping Guide** 

# Light up your Hanukkah

How to make your holiday celebrations fun for everyone

Hanukkah is a jovful holiday that comes with its own rituals, foods, games, songs and stories.

That makes it easy to throw a party, especially since the traditions can be enjoyed by guests of all ages and backgrounds.

Everyone loves yummy latkes and the sight of those beautiful menorah candles lighting up a dark winter night. But the parties are not only a way for Jewish families to share their heritage; they're also a way to connect with friends and neighbours. Here are some ideas for creating the perfect Hanukkah party. Latkes

You can't Hanukkah without latkes. These are pancakes made from shredded potatoes, onions and eggs, with a little salt and flour mixed in, then fried golden brown and served with applesauce and sour cream. You can buy them frozen and heat them up to ease your burdens as hostess, but making them from scratch is part of the fun.

The only problem is, latkes can't be prepared much in advance. Raw potatoes discolour and reheated latkes never seem crispy conserved everything everything for the crispy enough. So get else first, party first and about 90 Hanukkah minutes before your guests arrive, start shredding potatoes. My

secret to per-fect latkes: Squeeze water out of the shredded potatoes and onions before you add eggs. Just pick the mixture

up by the handful and wring it out like you would a wet washcloth. This keeps the latkes from falling apart and helps them fry up nice and crisp. Other Food

Fried food is traditional for Hanukkah, so try ready-made chicken wings. A platter of sliced fruit with toothpicks is a nice

contrast to all that grease. And pasta salad is an easy main dish to prep in advance and serve at room temperature.

Look for pasta shaped like Stars of David at specialty stores and online.

Traditional clude jelly doughnuts



The lighting of menorahs and eating dairy are a tradition on Hanukkah.

sufganiyot) chocolate coins covered in metal foil (called gelt). Put a bowl of chocolate gelt on the table, or hand out party bags with a dreidel and some chocolate coins in each.

### Dreidels

To play dreidel, small wooden or plastic dreidels are best. You'll also need pennies, 10 for each player and more for a commu-

nal pot.

If you have don't enough pennies, beans, dried wrapped chocolate gelt or even poker chips.

Each side of the dreidel bears a different Hebrew letter. The letter facing up when the top stops spinning determines what happens in the game. Make a chart for the rules so everyone can follow.

### Crafts, songs and stories

Set up a table for art activities for younger kids. Judaica stores and websites offer all sorts of Hanukkahthemed colouring books, stickers, dreidels to decorate and other projects.

Candles

Menorahs are lit at sundown. Make sure you have enough candles and set the menorahs in a spot where they won't pose a fire dan-

Many of your guests won't know how to sing the prayers, but all you need is a few strong voices to lead.

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Latkes are a traditional Hanukkah food.



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# **A Blu-Ray Christmas**

From players to what to watch, Metro has you covered

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Nothing completes the perfect holiday break like sitting inside your warm living room with the family and watching your favourite movies and

As the snow (hopefully!) falls during your Christmas break, here are a few options to help you get the most out of your viewing experience:

### Toshiba BDX2000 **Blu-Ray player**

Toshiba's first Blu-Ray disc player is a clean, uncluttered design that pro-vides full 1080p Blu-Ray playback, upconversion for regular DVDs so you don't need to dump your large DVD library, and Blu-Ray specific goodies BonusView (which lets you run things director's commentaries in a picture-in-picture you BDbox while watch) and which lets you use an Internet connection to download short features and trailers or play online games. Best of all, the price is solid.

Another solid player at a good price point, Panasonic's value entry into the Blu-Ray player market does all the requisite 1080p/upconversion/BonusView and BD-Live stuff, but it also adds Viera Link and vicin which allow linking to PVR-type devices recording your programs and streaming Internet er also has built-in reduced power-consumption fea-tures like auto power stand-by and is Energy Star

The Panasonic DMP-BD60 Blu-Ray player, below left, and the Panasonic SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray Cinema home theatre, right.



**LG BD390C** Blu-Ray player

A bit pricier but well worth the cost if you like streaming stuff like YouTube movies onto

TV without needing your comput-er, LG's upper-scale Blu-Ray player is a popular very system that kicks a lot of butt. Of course it has 1080p Blu-Ray playback upconvert-for DVDs, for ing high-definition video and sound with Dolby True-HD and Dolby Digital, but it also features an

external play-

tion for exter-

hard drives, 1 giga-byte of inter-nal memory recording onto BD-Live without needing an external memory card, and quickbooting and loading in under 20 seconds. The player's integrated Wi-Fi capabilities let you connect your

connec-

TV to an Internet connection for easy streaming of online video and pictures as well.

### Panasonic SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray Cinema home theatre \$1,299.99

If you want to go whole hog and really upgrade your entire home theatre

The LG BD390C Blu-Ray player, left, is \$429.99. It features an external playback con-

nection for external hard drives. among other features.

**C**LG

setup, you would be hard-pressed to find a complete more playerplus-sound-system option for the price than Panasonic's SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray kit. With 375 watts of audio output, built-in Dolby TrueHD and Digital Plus high-clarity sound, whis-per mode surround sound

and a Dolby Vir-Speaker, tual this thing real-ly kills on the sound side. It also has 1080p playback for Blu-Ray with ultra-upconverting DVDs in the form

which PHD. processes each pixel individually, giving it all the necessary video power to make your TV a real centrepiece of your entertainment plans. Best of all, the system

includes a universal iPod dock and SD card slot, making it even easier to watch what those digital movies vou're already carrying around with you. Big

sound and powerful visuals from a surprisingly compact if package; you've got the cash to spare, you won't be disappointed. What to watch

**Duplicity** 

**Blu-Ray** 

Featuring stellar performances from Clive Owen and Julia Roberts, Duplicity is a fun, flirty spy flick that may not be the greatest Oscar contender of the year, but is still a great view. Take bets mid-movie on who's playing who and let the winner drink all the leftover eggnog.

### **Public Enemies**

\$41.99 on Blu-Ray Another strong Johnny Depp vehicle, the film is a surprisingly poignant De-pression-era gangster romp that has great action and captures the look and feel of the 1930s well. If you love Johnny — and who doesn't? — give it a go.

# Battlestar Galactica Complete Series \$172.50 on DVD, \$379.99 on Blu-Ray

An amazing show that gar-nered mainstream and true sci-fi viewers alike, Battlestar Galactica is a keeper and this ultimate 25-disc box set is the mother of all boxed sets. Presented in Dolby Digital 5.1 Surround Sound and presented in its own snazzy display box, the set is a whole load of sci-fi awesomeness





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# The 12 spirits of Christmas

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Selecting the perfect liquid for those solids in your life can be a challenge; so here are my choice picks for every one of those beverage lovers in your life:

### Best bets under

\$25 Wychwood Brew-ery Bah Humbug

Ebenezer Scrooge's face peering out from a beer la-bel might scare the Dickens out of some, but this malty English brew will have the ale aficionados on your list drinking mer-

### Faxe Premium Gift Pack,

\$9.85-\$9.95 If you're going to gift just one beer this year, why not make it a big one? This one? IIII3 crisp litre of lager is a food-friendly thirstguencher that comes with own mega mug.

Freixenet Cordon Rosado Brut, \$12.95-\$15.99

The bubbly berry goodness of this Spanish rosé will appeal to any wine lover. Perfect with food, it's a match made in brunch, lunch and dinner heaven



### Moselland 2008 Ars Vitis Riesling,

\$9.95-\$17.99 Forget what it looks like in the glass, this refreshing, off-dry German white is a knockout while still in the bottle. The winter scene has a limited run; looking as good as the

wine tastes. Best bets under \$50

**Absolut Celebra**tion Vodka, \$25.95OK, so vodka can make for a pretty neutral gift. Port is the classic seasonal a pretty neutral gift. Wrapping it in a cool blue plastic casing (that throws a bit of a disco vibe) is something to celebrate. Absolut switches up the look each year so this

### Sailor Jerry's Spiced Navy

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one's for the collec-

Rum, \$26.95-\$29 What's eggnog's best friend? Why an ounce or two of rum, spiced rum, of course. Sailor Jerry was a tattooist (hence the label) and his spicy spirited name-sake takes mixed drinks to the next lev

### Chambord Liqueur, \$36.99-

When it comes to fruit liqueurs, the ripe black raspberry intensity of Chambord (named for the French Château) can't be beat. It looks fine and tastes even better — especially when a few drops BOLLINGER are added to white or sparkling wine.

> Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Old Tawny Port,

sipper with this full-fig-ured style made from a blend of vintages no less than a decade old. Roaring fire not included.

### Splurges \$50+ Glenora Dis-tillery Glen Breton Rare Sin gle Malt Canadian Whiskv.

\$74.95-\$89.55 Though scotch connoisseurs may pooh-pooh mainstream Canadian this whisky, this Nova Scotian is the only single malt

made in North America and up-

version

stages its novelty mouthfeel.

### 10 Patron Silver Tequila,

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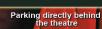
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# Gifts for the film but

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But at this time of the year, they go in the opposite direction, losing all sense of proportion in the quest to separate movie lovers from their money.

Studios and distributors roll out the big boxes of films and artists they deem most gift-worthy. there's no limit to their size or imagination.

Here's a selection of some of the more interesting sets, with suggestions to whom might most like to find them under the Christmas tree.

Prices quoted may vary, so shop around for sales.

For the true film aficionado

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AK 100: 25 Films by Akira Kurosawa, \$364

There's almost no part of arthouse or mainstream moviegoing that Japan's Akira Kurosawa hasn't in-The Hidden fluenced: Fortress became George Lucas' template for Star Wars: Seven Samurai start-

AK 100: 25 Films by Akira Kurosawa includes a hardcover book of photos. The Gone With the Wind: Ultimate Collector's Edition Blu-Ray, below right, includes recreations of theatre posters.

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ed as a western tribute and turned into a much-copied icon; and Rashomon changed narrative cinema forever with its multiple-viewer approach to a crime story. Kurosawa is considered by many critics to be the greatest director who ever lived, and this magnificent Criterion set celebrates what would have been his 100th birthday. It features

of the films he made over

For the romantic & the restless
Gone With the Wind: tion Blu-Ray, \$62

Franky, my dear, if you're a saga, 70 years old this year, you probably already own at least one

copy on VHS or DVD. But if you're looking to get into Blu-Ray, here's your reason. The restored print is pristine, and comes with a host of extras, including recreations

of theatre posters and classic.

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his 50-year career (including four previously unavailable on DVD) plus a hardcover book of photos, descriptions and commen-

**Ultimate Collector's Edi-**

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pamphlets, and a wealth of historical info on the making of this undisputed

Samuel Fuller Film Collection, \$68

Under-appreciated in his lifetime, yet gaining belated kudos thanks to Quentin Tarantino, Martin Scorsese and other admir-Samuel Fuller approached everything from drama to comedy at fullbore and without fear. This set collects seven films the former crime reporter directed or wrote for Columbia Pictures, including Shockproof and Underworld U.S.A.

For gung-ho regular joes G.I. Joe A Real **American Hero: Complete Collectors** 

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Ioe from last summer's liveaction movie adaptation, reload with this complete set of the car-

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that started it all. Comes in a toolbox with a boatload of extras, including a G.I. dog tag flash drive.

For the light-heart-ed & the clumsy **National Lampoon's** 

**Christmas Vacation 20th Anniversary Collector's** Edition, \$42

If you're going to make a fool of yourself at Christmas, you might as well do it in style. This comedy favourite, featuring Chevy Chase's popular doofus

Clark Griswold as a Yule Fool, celebrates its 20th anniversary with a Blu-Ray upgrade in a metal-can gift set that includes instant snow powder and drink coasters.

For the feel-good fanatic

Forrest Gump: 15th Anniversary Chocolate Box Gift Set, \$27

Life is like a box of chocolates and so is this bizarre gift set, which bundles the inspirational Tom Hanks starrer and Oscar winner inside a cavity-free candy container — would you believe the chocs are just scratch-

> andsniff cardboard? But the set loaded with featurettes and oth-

er extras that will make fans want to run with Forrest.

For the wild & not-so-innocent **Quentin Tarantino Col**lection, \$40

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# Fare for the foodies

Whether your holiday gift list is filled with gourmet

chefs. television addicts or people who just love a good tale, this year's crop

cookbooks

and other food-relatvolumes offers some excellent gift choices.

Here's a guide to help you pick through the del-

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away from the Food Network? Stash a copy of Al-

ton **Brown's** Good Eats: The Early Years Stewart,

Tabori Q, \$37.50) Chang, under the tree. Brown's wacky

spunk drives the episodeby-episode breakdown of his hit show's first six searecipes and a fold-out poster!

Ace of Cakes: Inside the World of Charm City Cakes

(William Morrow. \$35) offers photo albumscrapbook of life at Baltimore's Charm City

Bakery, the birthplace of spectacular towers of fondant featured on the show.

ing Top Chef with

Top Chef: The Quickfire Cook book (Chronicle Books. \$19.95), a

collection

of 75 recipes from the show plus advice on staging your own Quickfire Challenges at home.

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ing Mario Batali and Alice Waters, with critiquing 100 of their contemporaries.

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For chef groupies

away from tattooing "I Love Ramen" across their chest? Give them Momo-

The Fat D

(Clarkfuku son Potter. \$40). superchef David Chang's spirited account of creating his beloved and unlikely group of New York

restaurants. Last vear, devotees British chef Heston Blumenthal would have paid CULINARY \$250 for the cookbook ENCYCLOPEDIA minating his science-enabled cooking. The

recessionfriendly re-issue of **The Fat Duck** cookbook clocks in at \$50 and offers everything but the gilt (honest) and size (down to 2.2 kilograms from 5.5). No one will ever cook from it, but it is an extraordinary and beautiful monograph (Bloomsbury, \$50).

For the truly chef obsessed. Coco: 10 World-Leading Masters, 100 Contemporary Chefs (Phaidon, \$49.95) tasks 10 chefs -

including Ferran Adria, Mario Batali and Alice Waters with critiquing 100 contemporaries in a cookbookrestaurant guide-who's who on the international food scene.

### For food geeks

No serious cook can live without Larousse Gastronomique,

the authoritative culinary encyclopedia that dates to

1938. This 2009 revision (Clarkson Potter, \$90) includes cooking methods that have emerged since the 2001 update, such as sous vide and molecular gastronomy, new biographies of contemporary chefs such as Ferran Adria, and more than 400

photographs.

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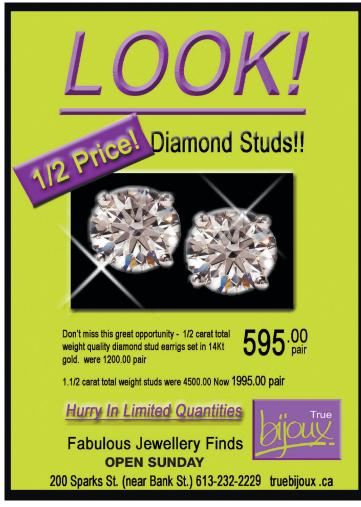
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# Zhu Zhu Pets rides wave of holiday success

When Lori Fowlkes first saw robotic Zhu Zhu Pets toy hamsters in September, she remembers her kids started jumping up and down and saying "Please! Please! Can we buy them?"

Seeing a fully stocked shelf, she decided to hold off until Christmas.

That was "before I knew that the hamsters would soon be off the shelves and more scarce than an H1N1 vaccine," said Fowlkes, 32.

Now she can't find them anywhere.

Zhu Zhu Pets, which re-

tail for about \$10, are this year's bona-fide must-have toy, following in the footsteps of past

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Tickle Me Elmo and Cabbage Patch Kids. On resale websites like eBay and Craigslist, they fetch \$40 or more. Vital accessories such as the hamster car

and funhouse are sold separately. By many counts, the toy is an unlikely hit. They're in a field crowded with toy pets. The hamsters, which

scurry around, make noises and drive cars, don't always work the way you expect and have a limited range of action.

"Honestly, I don't really get it," said BMO Capital Markets analyst Gerrick Johnson. "But I don't need to get it for a toy to be hot."

They have one big thing going for them in tough economic times: They're cheap, Johnson said

Zhu Zhu Pets, aimed at three- to 10-year-olds, have rushed in to fill the void. But unlike past "It" toys made by large manufacturers like Mattel's Tickle Me Elmo and Tiger Electronic's Furby, Zhu Zhu Pets are made by tiny Cepia Inc. of St. Louis. MI., with just 16 employees in the U.S. and 30 in China, making their success even more unlikely.

### **Creation of a craze**

Just six years old, Cepia previously worked on an electronic dispensing device for consumer products before turning to toys and its only other product, a line of light-up bears called **Glo-E Bears**.

The company was started by toy industry vet Russ Hornsby, 56.

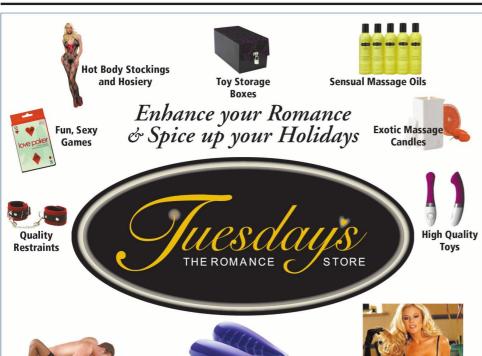
The success of **Zhu Zhu Pets** wasn't entirely accidental. The company got

the word out with a savvy mix of local cable ads and parties thrown by "mommy bloggers."

Put a smile on their faces

Hornsby said he was hoping to sell three to four pets per store per week, but was secretly hoping for eight. The result, Hornsby said, was exponentially higher, though he wouldn't say how much.

"The rate was so astonishing everybody had to go back and pinch themselves," Hornsby said. Toys "R" Us pulled all of the test data to make sure it wasn't being manipulated, Hornsby said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
- 1½ cup cream cheese
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
  ½ cup Renée's Gourmet
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- ¼ cup mozzarella, grated

### METHOD:

1 Preheat oven to 325 F.
1 Heat oil in a sauce pan over high heat until just smoking, add onions and

immediately reduce heat to medium. Continuously stir onions, cooking until they turn golden yet still soft. Set aside to cool.

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Be sure to seal your windows this winter.

# Never too late to batten the hatches

'Winterizing' your home is a vital step for both comfort and your pocketbook

BRIAN COULTON for Metro Canada



### Old Man Winter doesn't like your house.

It's not you. It's him. With his combination of freezing temperatures, roaring winds and heaps of snow, how can the guy resist inching his way into window crack, flooding unprotected nooks, and picking apart a structure so inferior to his climatic wrath?

But don't worry just yet; it's not too late to restore your blizzardy bond. Merv McBride, owner of home improvement chain Handyman Connection says by taking a few, economical steps to winterize your home, you can ward off damage and save money on home heating bills.

"When winterizing your home, you're really thinking about three things: Energy conservation and how to save money, how to preserve air quality and how to avoid damage to your home," he says.



"If it's a crack in the frame, caulking is the way to go to seal that hole. If it's a loose window in the frame, your only choice is to put weather stripping in there."

Merv McBride, owner of home improvement chain Handyman Connection on windows

probably small in comparison to the money you're losing with the heat going through the ceiling, especially if you're in a very cold climate."

Flooding can also result from clogged eaves troughs, which McBride

suggests clearing out well before winter descends. "If that water can't get away, it ends up running over the edge of the eaves and down to the foundation of your home," he says, "The ground's says, "The ground's frozen, the warmest part is near the house and if you get a lot of water built up against the foundation, it could escape into your home.

As a general tip for homeowners across Canada, McBride says checking for, and sealing cracks in windows and doors can reduce escaping heat and utility bills.

"If it's a crack in the frame, caulking is the way to go to seal that hole. If it's a loose window in the frame, your only choice is to put weather stripping in there." To make sure your sealing is successful, turn off the lights, look outside and if you see light, McBride says it means air is entering and the crevasse must be cov-

Beyond conserving heat and protecting physical structure, taking strides to ensure there's good air quality in your home can promote good winter health. For grade-A air, McBride proposes having your furnace professionally checked each season and ensuring furnace filters are completely clean.

The greatest instance of damage for homes in locations that experience freeze-thaw cycles - like Southern Ontario and the West Coast — is the formation of ice-dams, says McBride. That's when



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Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger's luxury estate in Connecticut has sold for \$20 million, about \$8 million below its original asking price. The 20,000-square-foot Greenwich mansion is being purchased by a family who toured it in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





**Silverware's second life**Old utensils take on a whole new meaning (and function) once artist Danielle O'Connor is done with them. The Ontario-based award-winning jewelry designer is the creator of the Original Beaded Silverware Bracelet — made from old forks, spoons and butter knives and adorned with glass beads and wire. Starting at \$30, each piece is one of a kind and can be adjusted to fit any wrist size. For a retailer near you or to purchase online, visit danielleoconnoriewellerv.com.

# Be a man: Wear a skirt

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has a strong global inspira-

tion and many ethnic influ-

ences," said Karen Richter,

showroom manager at H&M Canada. "Men H&M Canada. "Men wearing skirts is com-

mon in many other cul-

tures around the world."

H&M shows the pleated

skort with a graphic T-shirt,

a tailored blazer, leggings

"Our spring collection

effeminate.

### Effeminate runway trend goes mainstream at H&M

HIMANI EDIRIWEERA for Metro Canada

The evolution of man continues on the runway as the man-skirt is officially introduced into the mainstream fashion lexicon as part of H&M's 2010 spring collection for men.

Designers started putting men in skirts and them

sending then down the runway but the world did not really take notice until high profile designer Marc Jacobs started ap-

pearing in one shows and events a few seasons ago. Social con-



"Our spring collection has a strong global inspiration... Men wearing skirts is common in many other cultures around the world."

Karen Richter, showroom manager at H&M Canada

women are being challenged with designers like Prada, Yves Saint Lau-

rent and Alexander McQueen unveiling long and short skirts, pleated skirts and kilts, for men.

After all, men have been wearing skirts as part of native attire for years — the Scottish kilt, the Greek foustanel-

> Also, H&M is bringing back an old look. Drop-crotch pants, or harem pants, for the urban man – a look some might remember from the late '80s.

and a tough boot.

It's a trend that can be seen on men and women in Europe but North Americans can't seem to let go of MC Hammer and "...Can't Touch This," look

Givenchy, Dior Homme, Phillip Lim, Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren and many others designers have re-introduced the dropcrotch silhouette.

H&M shows the harem pants with a bright T-shirt, graphic maxi scarf and a cotton spring jacket.

And, bringing that avantgarde look, along with the

Left: A man "tutu" seen as part of the Prada fall/winter 2008/2009 men's

man-skirt in March 2010. H&M brings other daring looks to its spring collection for men looking to embrace future fashion trends

There are certain male customers who are always looking to be one step ahead the trends



"(Look for) lots of florals, bright colours. embroiand beading, which are all details that are often unexpected

in men's collec-





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Audrey Hepburn's black lace

### Hepburn's classic wardrobe for sale

AUCTION Audrey Hepburn fans now have a chance to purchase dozens of garments and personal effects once belonging to the movie star in an auction that began this week in London.

A Givenchy cocktail dress and cropped jacket made from black lace which Hepburn wore in the 1966 romantic comedy How to Steal a Million, costarring Peter O'Toole — is expected to fetch the sale's highest price of between 15,000-20,000 pounds though auctioneer Kerry Taylor acknowledges the estimates are very approximate. She said that clothes having once belonged to Hepburn, who died in 1993, rarely come to auction and the last two pieces fetched a whopping

US\$1 million.
"These are harder times, and I've tried to keep my feet on the ground," she said, adding that lots start at an estimated 250 pounds for a straw hat

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### New book examines Mrs. O's personal style over the past year

Mary Tomer, the woman behind the hugely popular website, Mrs. O (mrso.org), has released the book Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy, which examines Michelle Obama's personal style.

An advertising account planner by day, Tomer has spent her free time during

the past 12 months tirelessly cataloguing the U.S. first lady's outfits, which is no easy task. (Is that belt Azzedine Alaïa or J.Crew?) It involves a certain amount of detective work, including countless hours studying runway photos on Style.com and sending emails to fashion publicity firms.

As a result, Tomer's site has become a must-read for industry insiders, fashion lovers and Ms. Obama fans alike.

Tomer Here down the method behind her website:

Sussing out Mrs. Obama's favourites: "When I was starting up the blog, I would religiously study the top collections of the season on Style.com. Early on, I became aware that Ikram Goldman was an influential force

Michelle wardrobe, so I particularly studied up on the designers carried in her Chicago boutique," she explains.

Right: Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy by Mary Tomer is available at Chapters and Indigo stores across the country or online at chapters.indigo.ca for \$31.99



### In **brief**

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Gisele Bundchen has given birth to a healthy baby boy, according to People magazine, although she and Tom Brady did not release details on the birth or the name of the newborn. METRO WORLD NEWS

# Entertainment

### **Extortion threat**

John Stamos was the target of an alleged extortion attempt. Stamos says a man and woman claiming they had threatening photos of the former Full House star. TVGUIDE.COM

# Sorry attempt to apologize

### **Chris** Brown

Album: Graffiti Label: Jive/Sony Music Rating: @

CHRIS BROWN **SHOULD** have waited year before releasing a



new record. as it's impossible not to listen to this and hear another half-hearted attempt to apologize for beating the pulp out of Rihanna, while making himself out to be the wounded boyfriend. Famous Girl is the most explicit song about his ex. And an offensive one at that. "You were the first to games," "Keisha would have told me I was sent from heaven," "Some famous girls will break your heart" classic blame the victim behaviour. Skip this disingenuous - and musically vapid

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Clipse

Album: Til The Casket Drops Label: Re-Up/Columbia **Rating:** 

AND Pusha T could sell records based



they'd have bigger figures than both Jay-Z and Eminem. But after an oppressive record deal and the commercial disaster of 2006's brilliant Hell Hath No Fury, the Thornton brothers return with newfound relaxedness. works both for and against them on their third album. Mixing it up with Cam'ron and Kanye, the bravado comes with an airy exhilaration, but joints with Pharrell and Keri Hilson cry for mainstream acceptance. Still, minus the signature coke-raps and hard knocks, it's still the Clipse, and they're still kinda like a big deal.

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### **Charlotte**Gainsbourg

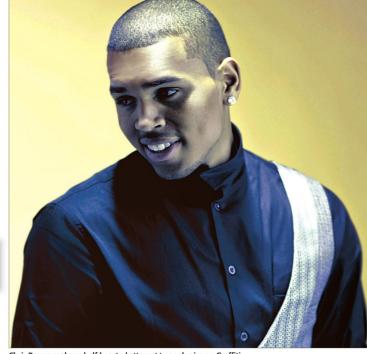
Label: Because/Warner Rating: @@@@

THIS ALBUM should be co-credited Beck, wrote all of the



music and co-wrote the lyrics. Named after the traumatic brain hemorrhage Charlotte suffered after a water-skiing accident, IRM is a collaboration that's as much the influence of her parents (Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin) as it is Beck's recent string of studio quickies. While it's their duet on Heaven Can Wait and the crank eccentricity of Greenwich Mean Time that will attract his fans, it's the lush, seductive orpeppered chestrations throughout and psychedelic sound collages like IRM and Trick Pony that make it her album and not just Beck's pet project.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



Chris Brown makes a half-hearted attempt to apologize on Graffiti.

### **Neil** Young

Album: Dreamin' Man Label: Reprise/Warner

WINNIPEG-RAISED Neil Young can't do anything wrong, even when he re-



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leases his least exciting album to date Dreamin' Man was recorded in 1992 and features every song off Harvest Moon. In terms of the singer-songwriters' live discs, it's not as thrilling as Live at Massey Hall or Live at the Fillmore East, but it's still damn good. It's just Young and his acoustic playing mellow renditions of the already low-key Harvest Moon. It's haunting and dramatic and his voice is in perfect shape. An excellent holiday gift for the Neil lover.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

30 Seconds To Mars

Album: This is War Label: Virgin/EMI Rating: @@

IF ONLY ALL musicians fawere mous actors first. Unlike most bands, Jared Leto's 30 Seconds To

Mars had a built-in audience when it formed. which helped the has

### Album**Reviews**

group sell millions of records. Their music can't be the reason for the success - it's some of the most unimaginative work around. The group's latest is a messy collection of U2like rock songs loaded with Leto's distorted howls and yells and uncoordinated guitars. It's also incredibly mundane. He's done one good things here — getting fans around the world to contribute sounds to the disc — but that's where the group's creativity ends.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Juvenile

Album: Cocky & Confident Label: Atlantic/Warner

TERIUS GRAY, A.K.A. Juvenile is no kid anymore. He's been a

gangster



rapper for almost 15 years, and his last record, Reality Check, about Hurricane Katrina was a huge hit, topping the charts. His latest is another solid effort. It lacks much of the social commentary that made his last record great, but it's loaded with thoughtful beats, infectious rhymes and strong songwriting. My Money Don't Fold is probably the best track — its slow, southern style is a throwback to some of Juvenile's earlier work

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Jennifer to play Adam's Eve

Jennifer Aniston will play Adam Sandler's wife in a new movie. The actress is reportedly in negotiations to star opposite the actor in a romantic comedy, The Pretend Wife. Plot details are being kept firmly under wraps. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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# Old friends tackle post-apartheid Barker finally settles lawsuit

Nelson Mandela made it clear that Morgan Freeman was the man he would want to play him in a film.

When it came time to play Mandela in Invictus, Freeman told producing partner Lori McCreary that he had two men in mind to direct the film, which dramatizes Mandela's partnership with a South African rugby star (played by Matt Damon) to rally their post-apartheid countrymen behind the team's underdog quest for the 1995 World Cup.

"I said, 'I can only think of two. Clint Eastwood, and then there's Clint Eastwood.' He's the best director I know," Freeman says of the filmmaker who gave him a plum role in Unforgiven and an Academy Award-winning part in Million Dollar Baby.

comment Freeman's comes moments before Eastwood enters the room for a joint interview, amiable banter and wisecracks ensuing as the two longfriends and leagues talk about their third collaboration.

Informed of the compli-



Unforgiven buddies Eastwood and Freeman back in the saddle for Invictus, which opens in theatres tomorrow.

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ment Freeman had just paid him as his only choice to direct Invictus, Eastwood shoots back: "That's very kind of him. He's obviously a man of very good taste and selectivity in

Freeman follows with a reminder that Eastwood had once "stood up in public with a microphone and called me the best actor in the world.'

The exchange continues: Eastwood: "That was

ple, and that cuts down the margin for error, and that covers my inadequa-

Freeman: "And he says, he can stand back and let them do their thing, then take all the credit.

With Invictus, Freeman was the first man on board, sending the script Eastwood's way, hoping his friend would want to

Freeman had been meeting with Mandela since the 1990's with the idea of adapting the jailed-activistturned-president's memoir Long Walk to Freedom for the big-screen. Then journalist John Carlin told Freeman about his book, Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation, recounting the new South

African president's cheerleading that united whites and blacks behind the national rugin theatres by team.

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# over fatal '08 plane crash

LEGAL Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker has settled his lawsuit against several companies over a plane crash in South Carolina last year that killed four people, attorneys said Tuesday.

Barker was one of two survivors of the Sept. 19, 2008 crash that killed two

pilots and two of his friends. Another survivor, celebrity disc jockey DJ AM, disc has since died of accidental drug overdose.

The terms of the settlement are confidential, said William L Robinson, an attorney repre- Travis Barker senting some of

the companies sued by Barker, including Learjet, Goodvear Tire&Rubber Co. and the plane's owners and contractors.

Barker's attorney Walter Lack confirmed the settlement but declined further comment.

Barker sued a year ago, claiming the companies improperly operated and

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maintained the Leariet that overshot the runway and burst into flames.

The case was delayed while the National Trans-portation Safety Board completed its investigation into why the private plane failed to takeoff from an airport in Columbia, S.C.

The pilots were trying to abort takeoff at

the Columbia Metropolitan Airport when accident happened.

Barker and DJ AM, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, sufserious fered in the burns crash. Goldstein died in New York on Aug. 28. Med-

ical examiners determined he died of a lethal cocktail of prescription drugs and cocaine.

Barker filed his lawsuit along with the mother of bodyguard, Charles Monroe Still Jr., who was killed in the crash. Still's mother has also settled her case, court filings show.

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### In **brief IDOL'S VOTING QUESTIONED**

Clay Aiken received a lot of votes as an American Idol contestant and eventual runnerup. Now, it's his lone vote that's drawing attention in North Carolina. The Wake County Board of Elections scheduled a meeting Wednesday to examine a complaint questioning Aiken's voter registration in the county.

**DEATH** Movie producer Tyler Perry says his mother, Willie Maxine Perry, has died. Tyler Perry announced the news of the Tuesday and thanked fans for their prayers.

**DUKING IT OUT** A charitable trust set up by The Dukes of Hazzard creator has filed a new \$15 million federal lawsuit against Warner Bros., claiming the studio and its television production company shortchanged it on royalties stemming from the hit series.

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What's coltan? It's an ore from which tantalum, used in elec-tronics, is extracted. Like diamonds, it can be obtained from both clean and questionable sources. The Democratic Republic of Congo falls in the latter column because the coltan trade is linked to the violence there. In this new episode, Kessler, Darnell and Charlotte (James McGowan, Jim lotte (James McGowan, Jiii Codrington, Daisy Beaumont) discover a Canadian link to a Congolese coltan smuggling operation. 9 PM on 8 CBC



Brennan and Booth (Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz) investigate after a man dressed as Santa Claus is blown up following a botched bank robbery. On the home front, Brennan's father (guest star Ryan O'Neal) invites a distant relative, Margaret Whitesell (guest star Zooey Deschanel, Emily's real-life sis ter), to spend Christmas with him and his daughter, Tamara Taylor The Goop on the Girl." 8 PM on

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### Where magazine has announced its list of Best New Restaurants of 2009. Ottawa's The Grand Pizzeria made the cut. Visit where.ca for the complete list. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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### Signature Drink:

Absinthe (\$14) Signature Dish: Absinthe-Steak Frites (\$21) Rating: ### Dinner & drinks for 2: \$100

The aura of absinthe lured us into this airy bistro. We started with the signature special slotted spoon on which sat a sugar cube, waiting to be drenched and set alight, producing a beautiful blue flame. Then, the green liquid was diluted with some water, to taste, after which we enjoyed this posh aniseflavoured aperitif. Although legal now in Canada, absinthe is without its "active ingredient" but compensates with its 70 percent alcohol level.

If you're not interested in going mad over the charm of absinthe, you can enjoy the well-prepared,

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but light on flavour, bistrostyle food. We started with Seafood Trio (\$12) of shrimp, tuna and oyster. Each meze on this plate was tasty and delicious. Unfortunately, my Mushroom Escargot Gratinée (\$10) needed salt to bring out its flavour and the table was sans shakers.

The bison (\$30) was tender, coated with a rich peppanied by a silky potato mash with a hint of truffle that was creamy and buttery without being unctuous. I ordered the signature Steak Frites (\$21), which was a hanger steak that was marinated and grilled. Although tender, this much-vaunted dish was merely meat without the mystique.

The dessert, profiteroles (\$7) wrapped around a trio of homemade ice creams was impeccable.

Take delight sinthe's ambiance but go for the green fairy.



Seafood Trio (\$12)

### Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/ globalpeasant for a recipe of Orange Spice Molasses Cookies.



### Dining out

Le Kim Chi, a small eatery on Preston Street, serves fine Korean dishes such as bibimbap and bulgogi, claiming they're the only place in town serving galbi jjim. They offer take-out as well, 420 Preston St. (613) 233-2433.

### BENITZ BISTRO

This bistro offers a sevencourse blind tasting menu specially prepared by chef Derek Benitz with an option to add the sommelier's carefully chosen flight of wines. Or drop by next door at b/Side Wine & Small Plates for sips and bites

### In **brief**

BREAKFAST Enjoy a pancake breakfast, a fundraiser for the Christmas Exchange, tomorrow (Dec. 11) at Sir Guy Carleton High School from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

PAIRING Taste wine and cheese at a pairing this Saturday (Dec. 12) at Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa \$295 per person.





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Nicky Hilton has been burgled, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The break-in at the blonde socialite's Hollywood home was reported at 3.30 p.m. Tuesday and a host of expensive items were stolen. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### **Celebrity Buzz**

### Cage's ex suing his pants off Rihanna's

NO, ANYTHING BUT THE YACHTS! Nicolas Cage's financial and legal nightmare continues to grow, people.com reports.

Cĥristina Fulton, mother of Cage's eldest child Weston, 18, is suing the actor for fraud and breach of contract, alleging she's been caught in the web of his financial mismanagement and is now more than \$1.2 million US in debt herself, Los Angeles court papers show.

Cage stated in an October lawsuit he faces financial ruin after allegedly being duped by a former accountant, Samuel Levin. The actor currently owes \$6.3 million in back taxes, recently defaulted on a \$2 million loan, and

has begun a massive selloff of homes, cars, yachts and other possessions to recoup his losses.

Fulton, 42, a former actress, says she was provided an L.A. home years ago by Cage in exchange for raising Weston, and believed the property was un-



Cage allegedly served her with a 60-day notice to get

Fulton says that because of Cage and Levin's negligence, she now owes the IRS more than \$1 million, in addition to \$250,000 in unpaid credit card debt. She says the credit card was supposed to be paid off regularly by Cage and that fraudulent charges were racked up by a staffer hired by the actor who didn't undergo a sufficient background check.

All told, Fulton says damages to her exceed \$13 mil-

Levin. the accountant, has countersued Cage, stating the actor's financial collapse was due to "compulsive, self-destructive spending.'

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### secret silver screen wish

KISSES DON'T LIE Rihanna wouldn't mind giving acting a try. And she has just the role for herself. "I'd love to be an assassin. Either that or a lesbian. Maybe both! Hey, a gay assassin, there's nothing hotter than that," she tells the Daily Star. When asked who she'd like to play her onscreen girlfriend, the singer insists,

"Megan Fox – hands down. She's yummy." METRO WORLD NEWS 4

### **Barton is okay** with kissing girls

GIRLS ARE FASY Mischa Barton finds it peculiar that she's often asked to lock lips with another girl onscreen — she's done it three times in her young career - but she doesn't think it's a bad thing, according to Hollyscoop.

"It doesn't annoy me that much," says Barton. "Iť's so much easier to kiss another girl. tense with a диу." метко

### Fergie discusses having children

sibly hoping to put their recent alleged cheating scandal behind them, Fergie says she and Josh Duhammel are ready to start a family.

"Am I getting broody? Oh, definitely," she tells British Cosmopolitan. "I want to finish this tour



### Uma picks vampire over millionaire?

JUST A RUMOUR, PHEW, Uma Thurman has shot down reports that she is romancing Robert Pattinson after splitting from her fiancé, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Gossip mags speculate her new love interest

will be Pattin-SOIL METRO NEWS SERVICES

### **Celebrity tweets**

Hilton's humble adobe invaded

Paris Hilton comes out strongly against burglary, Stan Lee laments his inability to ask for money, Tom Arnold breaks the rules, and John Cleese got through eye sur-

gery despite the pressure from his fans. @parishilton I HATE peo-

ple who steal! It's so wrong! I hope they catch whoever did this! There has been so many robberies lately. So @smilinstanlee Here's

proof I'm a lousy businessman: Other guys become movie stars and get rich. I become a cameo star- and get thank you's.

@TomArnold In Shanghai doing @Asia\_Uncut - nice people but Twitter banned here, oops
• @JohnCleese All well, the

deed was done, and I can now see again... just... thank

you all for your prayers and death threats (vou know who vou are).

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# Madonna's kids dance it out

REVOLUTION It looks like that it won't just be Madonna's daughter Lourdes featuring in her work - four-year-old son David has revealed a love of the superstar's work,

people.com re-"He knows

every song, every word, every step, wants

to wear all the costumes," Madonna, 51, told the British morning show

Coming after stage-ready Lourdes, 13, joined her mom in the video for Celebration, performing clearly runs in the family. During her recent Sticky & Sweet world tour, Madonna's nine-year-old son with director

Ritchie, Rocco Guy joined her on stage. "When he

jumped on stage to dance in my last show, I was shocked actually," she said.

"And secretly, unbe-knownst to me, they're all studying privately with my dancers. And Rocco comes out and busts out like a moonwalk or you know, some kind of break-dancing move.

"He's always been quite shy so I was shocked when he wanted to be in the show." METRO NEWS SERVICES

It can get a bit NEWS

### Tequila shoots to the altar

SALT. TEQUILA. LIME. I DO. Tila Tequila is getting married to Johnson & Johnson heiress Casey Johnson or so she said Wednesday morning in a rambling US-TRFAM video, magazine.com reports.

"We have an announcement," the 27-year-old MTV reality star, clad in black lingerie, began. "...So are you ready for

big announcement that's going to change 0111 lives?

"This exclusive and going to be all over the

cause I love you guys so much, we are giving you the exclusive first — Tila army fans - tonight, my girlfriend has asked me to marry her!"

She then flashed a ring, which she said is a "17carat diamond ring from my baby."

Late Tuesday, Tequila (re-al name: Tila Nguyen) was spotted flashing the ring

at an album release party Snoop for Dogg Hollywood.

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### Law helps Ledger's legacy

When Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose before completing his final film, The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus,

Jude Law stepped in to finish his role. Now he's stepped up

to judge Ledger's namesake scholarship competition, people.com reports.

and honoured to do what I can to keep Heath's legacy alive.

Law, 36, says. "He was a brilliant actor and a wonderful man and it is only fitting that this scholarship has been developed in his name."

The Australians in Film Heath Ledger Scholarship is awarded to an emerging Australian actor who wants to pursue a career in Amer-

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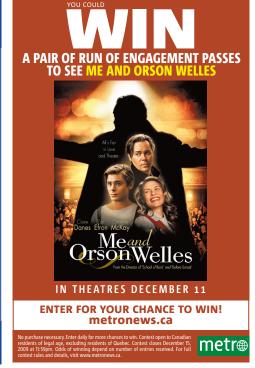
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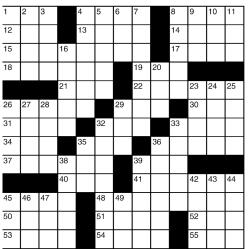




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### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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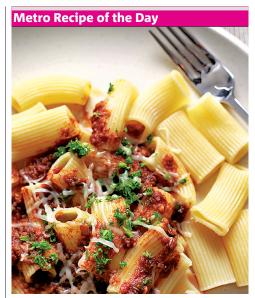
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### Take Five



### **Quick Garlic Pasta Sauce**

Submitted by: Debra Nasuti Winnipeg, MB

### INGREDIENTS:

1 Cup olive oil 1/4 Cup water 3 Tablespoon paprika 6 Clove garlic chopped fine (more if desired) 1/2 Teaspoon salt (adjust to your taste) 2 Teaspoon parsley chopped 1/2 Cup grated parmesan cheese 1/2 chili pepper chopped

### METHOD:

fine (optional)

1. Heat oil and water over low heat. Add garlic and fry gently you do not want to burn the garlic. Add paprika, salt, and chili pep-

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pers (if you choose) and fry for 5 minutes. Keep stirring another 5 minutes. Paprika will thicken to a sauce like texture. Turn heat up slowly over the 5 minutes and watch that it does not burn

2. Pour over pasta of your choice. Add the cheese and parsley and toss.

### **SERVES 4**

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SEPT 23-OCT 23

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Your confidence may be lower than usual but bear in mind

that what seems low to you still

seems high to most other peo-

Come and go as you please today and ignore those who say you should stay where you are

and see to your responsibilities.

APRIL 21-MAY 21 There are some suspicious things going on at the moment and you can't help but wonder if someone is plotting against vou. Don't overreact.

### **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22
The only real danger today is that you might be a bit too for-giving for your own good. It might send the wrong signal.

### **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

ENOUGH BLOOD AND GORE JEREMY! IT'S TIME TO DO YOUR HOME WORK ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Like it or not you will have to admit that someone you thought you could trust has been taking advantage of your generous nature.

### **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21

Don't worry too much if a loved one is difficult to get along with today because there is absolutely nothing wrong with your relationship.

### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 In the greater scheme of things coincidences are rare, so be on your guard if a dangerous pat-tern seems to be repeating it-

### **CAPRICORN**

self

DEC 22-JAN 20
If you are finding it hard to reach an agreement with some-one about a business-related issue you are advised to leave it a day or two.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Hard luck stories will be two-apenny today, but not one of them is true. A little suspicion is no bad thing.

### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
By all means use your imagination and find ways to boost your wealth and wellbeing, but avoid wishful thinking.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

It's good to speak your mind, of course, but if you are wise you

won't say anything too outra-geous today.

### **PISCES** FEB 19-MARCH 20

You may be reluctant to cross swords with a rival today but the planets warn if you back down you can be bullied every day of the week.



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### **Today in history**

1898 - Spanish-American War: The Treaty of Paris is signed, officially ending the conflict. 1901 – The first Nobel Prizes are awarded. 1968 - Japan's biggest heist, the still-unsolved 300 million yen robbery, is carried out in Tokyo. 1996 - Rwandan Genocide: Military advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General and head of the Military Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations Maurice Baril recommends that the UN multi-national forces in Zaire stand down.

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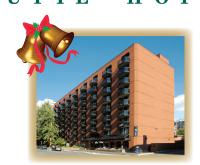




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